Mushroom cultivation

1366. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mushroom cultivation is becoming popular and quite profitable in the country particularly in Bihar;

(b) whether Government have prepared any plan to further popularise the cultivation of Mushroom particularly in Bihar and give incentives to the farmers cultivating Mushroom in the State;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof.

(d) whether Government have studied the viability of exporting Mushroom from the country; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Mushroom cultivation is becoming popular in the country. The important States are Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pra desh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Karna taka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Haryana and Union Territories of Chandigarh and Delhi.

(b) and (c) The Government of India have proposed to implement a scheme for cultivation of mushroom in potential States in which Bihar is not included.

(d) and (e) There is no formal study on the viability of exporting Mushroom from the country. However, Mushroom has been identified as a potential export earner and development programmes will include this aspect also.

Drought in Maharashtra

1367. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what measures have been taken by Government so far to fight the severe drought situation in the Marathwada and Vidarbha regions besides large part of the Western sugr belt in Maharashtra; and

(b) what assistance is proposed to be given to Maharashtra for long-term /short-term plan to cope with the drought in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) The relief measures being undertaken by the State Government in the drought affected areas include :—

(1) Relief employment under Employment Guarantee Scheme.

(2) Arrangements for supply of drinking water through new bore-wells, early completion of water supply scheme, repairs to old schemes, execution of temporary piped water supply schem and transportation of water through tankers/bullock-carts.

(3) The provision of fodder for the affected cattle population.

(b) It has been decided to depute a Central Team to the drought affected areas of Maharashtra to assess the extent of damage and requirements of Central assistance in the context of the Memorandum submitted by the State Government.

Drought in Rajasthan

1368. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken to tackle the drought situation in Rajasthan;

(b) what is the estimated loss due to drought there;

(c) the amount of money spent by, Gov ernment till date for drinking water 'faci lity, food distribution, medical care, crops protection & irrigation, cattle production and rehabilitation; and

(d) the items-wise details therrof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE' (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) According to the information received from the Government of Rajasthan, 20794 villages of 29 districts have, so far been declared as scarcity affected. The relief measures undertaken by the State Government to combat the drought conditions include :

(1) employment generation through regular and special schemes.

(2) ensuring availability of drinking water in problem villages through camel carts and tankers.

(3) opening of cattle camps, cattle feed centres, goshalas arid fodder depots in the affected' areas.

(b) The State Government has assessed the damaged due to the present drought conditions in the State as follows :

(1) Value of damaged crops—Rs. 1154.79 crores.
(2) Affected area—77.99 lakh hec.
(3) Affected cattle—270.93 lakhs.
(4) Affected population—289.00 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The amount allotted by the State Government for various relief measures, to date, is as under :

(1) Cattle conservation and fodder arrangement—Rs. 370.31 lakhs.
(2) Water Management—Rs. 78,35 lakhs.
(3) Relief works—1830.00 lakhs.
(4) Interest free loans—Rs. 16.96 crores.

मध्य प्रदेश में मत्स्य पालन के लिए विश्व बैंक से सहायता

1369. श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में मत्स्य पालन के विकास के लिए विश्व बैंक द्वारा कितनी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई है ;

(ख) इस सहायता से मध्य प्रदेश में मत्स्य पालन के लिए विकसित मत्स्य फार्मों की जिलावार संख्या क्या है; और

(ग) इस प्रकार विकसित किए गए मत्स्य फार्मों में मत्स्य पालन गतिविधियों में लगे हुए आदिवासी सहकारी समितियों की संख्या क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में मत्स्य पालन के विकास के लिए अप्रैल 1980 से सितम्बर 1988 तक विश्व बैंक से सहायता प्राप्त अन्तर्देशीय मात्स्यिकी परियोजना के अंतर्गत 173.43 लाख रुपये की सहायता दी गई थी।

(ख) रायपुर तथा दुर्ग में दो मत्स्य बीज हैचरियां बनाई गई थीं जिनकी बीज उत्पादन की क्षमता क्रमशः 27 मिलियन तथा 10 मिलियन है ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश में विश्व बैंक परियोजना क्षेत्र में मत्स्य पालन में अनुसूचित जनजाति की 74 सहकारी समितियां लगी हुई हैं ।

Kisan courts

1370. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ':'

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for creation of Kisan Courts and Kisan Commissioners to prevent exploitation of farmers in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K C. LENKA) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privae milk dairies

1371. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the private milk daries cause